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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya 111/3, B.T. Road, Bonhoogly, Kolkata - 700 108 And



Purbasa Eco helpline Society (NGO)

Village and Post office: Charghari. PS: Sunderban Registered no. S/1L/72577/ OV-190300134/2022

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "MOU") is entered On 11.04.2022 Between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya Kolkata and Purbasa Ecohelpline Society. Sunderban

BACKGROUND OF PARTIES

PRASANTA CHANDRA MAHALANOBIS MAHAVIDYALAYA, BARANAGAR (formerly Bon-Hooghly College of Commerce) was established in 1965 as an evening Commerce College affiliated to the University of Calcutta. The idea of an evening Commerce College, a dream of many educated people of the Baranagar-Kamarhati area, became reality through the untiring efforts of a few educationists and persons interested in education and social development. Public donations and charities on the one hand and voluntary services rendered by teachers of the college on the other were the driving force for the college to go ahead and grow. The area where the college is situated, though adjacent to Kolkata, is a part of the greater Baranagar-Kamarhati Industrial Belt of West Bengal. The area has also the highest concentration of uprooted (refugees) people of which a sizable number belong to the Scheduled Castes community.

From the academic session 2003-04 we introduced faculties in arts and science by opening Honours courses in Geography (self financing) along with general subjects like Sociology and Education. Honours courses were introduced in Sociology and Education the following year. This situation called for changing the name of the college as it was no longer just a commerce college. So to pay tribute to Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, the great pioneer statistician and founder of Indian Statistical Institute, our college was renamed Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya. Gradually Honours courses were opened in Mathematics, Economics, Bengali, English, Philosophy and Food & Nutrition. Chemistry and Computer Science were also introduced as general subjects to offer the students a better combination. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Baranagar got affiliated to the West Bengal State University (WBSU), Barasat since 2008. From the academic session 2017-18 college has introduced four subjects such as Physics, History, Political Science and Human Development as general papers. From 2018-19 Computer Science Honours courses were started. From the academic session 2019-20 Honours courses are introduced in Political Science, History and Human Development Now our college owns a four-storey two-block building and has become a multi-faculty degree college offering Honours courses of study in 14 subjects.

PURBASA ECOHELPLINE SOCIETY is a non-profitable Government Organization established in the year 2009 with a Registered no. S/11/72577/ OV-190300134/2022 and it does many activities to protect our natural ecosystem, environment and sustainability in Sunderban Biosphere Reserve and its surroundings in West Bengal. The other name of Purbasha Eco Helpline Society is God's Citadel which renders ease in mind. This is the one and mere society encircled by the exquisite beauties of the remote and secluded Chargheri village in Sunderban in West Bengal. Their website address is http://purbashaecotourism.com/. The Society have been working for the overall development of the Sundarbans for many years involving school and college children and village people. They distribute refief in the affected areas of all cyclonic storms specially after Mahasen (2013). Aifa (2009) and Amphan (2020) and also take a great initiative in planting Mangrove trees along the banks of the river to protect the erosion of the land involving the community. They celebrate the International Mangrove Day i.e., 26th July

every year through planting the mangrove plants and also aware the people on the role and importance of Mangrove trees in Sunderban areas. Purbasa Society does medical camps on the health-related problems of the village women and children throughout the year and also play a very good role in educating girl children.

Purbasha also organizes the Education excursions for from high school students to university students. The remote villages are typically best suited like jungle trekking and kaking from beginner to advanced level. The sundarban, Chargheri will provide your students a good opportunity for soft mud and jungle trekking through deep jungles. These places are also perfect choice for Zoological or Botanical and geographical excursions where students will be introduced to rare mangrove plants and shrubs and different rare zoological species. The students will be also introduced to the remote villager's lifestyle and culture and their hardship. They will also learn how to win the hardship from the local village people and win the battle against all odds, purbasha services institution

PURPOSE

The parties recognise the benefits to be derived from increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction for the purpose of promotion and understanding of high performance in awareness activities and organizing various programmes including conferences, seminars, study tours, field visits and other awareness activities. The purpose of this MOU is to define the areas for fundamental, socio academic aspects in which the Parties desire to work together in the future for their mutual benefit to foster a collaborative framework between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya College and Purbasa Eco helpline Society, Sunderban, in the field with a view to benefiting from each other's initiatives and working procedures and to support collaboration among the members associated with both Parties.

SCOPE

This MOU sets forth the intentions of the Parties for increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction and does not create any legally binding commitments. If the Parties later agree to undertake specific joint projects with legally binding obligations, they will develop separate written agreements for such projects, setting out each Party's contributions, deliverables.

THE PARTIES INTEND TO:

Strengthen the ties between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Purbasa Ecohelpline Society to make collaborative efforts in the field of Environment and Sustainability. Collaboration in awareness campaigns and other fields of mutual interest.

This MoU is signed between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Purbasa Ecohelpline Society for the years 2022-2024 for the following deliverables.

Deliverables from Ecohelpline Society, Sunderban

- Organizing events, planting trees, awareness workshops and panel discussions, webinars, seminars and activities related to Environment and Sustainability of our Ecosystem.
- 2. Providing platform to our students to undergo short projects on Environment and Sustainability under Eco helpline Society, Sunderban
- Help the college to do the different activities to make our college and nearby community Plastic Free zone.
- 4. Will help to organize Geographical Tour in Sunderban Area

Deliverables from Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata

- 1. The College will allow our students to interact with the Eco helpline Society both in online and offline mode.
- 2. Motivate students to participate in various campaigns, field studies and awareness programs organized by Eco helpline Society
- 3. Eco helpline Society, Sunderban Logo will be exhibited on all online and offline modes of promotion of the events jointly organized by the college and the Eco helpline Society.

MODE OF OPERATION

Both parties will provide necessary support for effective implementation of the MoU within the institutional rules and procedures.

This MoU shall be effective from the date it is signed by both the parties.

Within the broad framework of the MoU, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Purbasa Eco helpline Society, Sunderban can work on awareness activities, internship programmes, development of facilities etc. Any financial commitment for joint activities under this MoU shall be subject to the approval by the Competent Authorities of the respective organizations. The activities under this MoU shall be coordinated, monitored and recorded by The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Purbasa Eco helpline Society, Sunderban.

The visitors will be bound by the rules and regulations, as well as the code of conduct of the host institution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This MoU places no financial obligations or supplementary funding commitments on either party. These activities will be defined through separate programme agreements, detailing the commitment of resources (financial or otherwise) required from each institution. Subsequent programme agreements must be approved in advance in writing by the authorized representatives from both parties. Each Party will be responsible for its own costs in connection with all matters relating to collaborations under this MoU. Where possible and appropriate, the parties may also seek funding for collaborations from Government and related agencies. This MoU is also based on broad based understanding between the parties

and does not place any financial liabilities on any of the parties. In case there is joint financial involvement between both the parties for any awareness activities it would be decided on an event basis in advance.

VALIDITY

The Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of Three years commencing from the effective date.

AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS

This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both institutes.

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